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something of the shale oil potential of the Baltic littoral. In Estonia on the coast of the Gulf of Finland there are sufficient quantities of oil-bearing shale to supply all of Europe for a period of 20 years, according to the calculations of German engineers who were in the area 1941 to 1944. Soviet engineers in 1940 were talking of the possibilities of using these quarries to supply oil for the Red Navy.

2. [REDACTED] the two cement plants in Latvia in addition to which I know of only one other in the three Baltic countries. This was located at Kohtla, Estonia on the Gulf of Finland. It was an experimental plant operated by the F. L. Smidth Company of Copenhagen, Denmark and used the oil shale as both fuel and raw material for the plant. Its production was about equal to [REDACTED] Broceni plant but the quality of the cement was inferior to ours. Soviet interest in this plant was tremendous and according to Red propaganda during the period of the first Soviet occupation of the Baltic countries (1939-1941), they planned to develop it both for cement and energy production and to supply the industry of the Leningrad rayon from Estonian oil shale. After [REDACTED] 1944 I did not hear how successful they were in their attempts to accomplish their purpose.

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